TESTIMONIALS

IN FAVOUR OF

J. C. OGILVIE WILL, M.D., C.M.

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TO THE MANAGERS

OF THE

Royal Infirmary, Aberdeen.

My Lord Provost and Gentlemen,

I beg to offer myself as a CANDIDATE for the SURGEONCY, in the ABERDEEN INFIRMARY, vacant by the Resignation of Dr. Keith.

With regard to my qualifications for that Office, I beg to inform you that I have devoted my attention chiefly to Surgery, and I have enjoyed unusual opportunities of cultivating it, in both its theoretical and practical aspects. For the last two years I have acted as Assistant to Professor Pirrie, at the University and at his operations in private.

Previous to commencing practice in Aberdeen, I resided for upwards of a year in Edinburgh, when I daily attended the private practice of the late Sir James Y. Simpson, and assisted him in many of his operations. I thus obtained a thorough acquaintance with one of the most difficult branches of Medical Science—the Surgical Diseases peculiar to Women.

If you do me the honour to elect me, it will be my constant endeavour to perform all the duties required of me faithfully, zealously, and with benefit to those entrusted to my care.

I have the honour to be,

MY LORD PROVOST AND GENTLEMEN,

Your Obedient Servant,

J. C. OGILVIE WILL, M.D.

11, King Street, Aberdeen, June 15, 1870.

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"ON THE HYDRATE OF CHLORAL."

Lancet, May, 1870.

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From the late Sir James Y. Simpson, Bart., M.D., D.C.L., F.R.S.E., Professor of Medicine and Midwifery in the University of Edinburgh, &c. &c.

52, Queen Street, Edinburgh, 14th July, 1868.

It gives me extreme pleasure to testify the very high opinion which I entertain of the general and professional talents, and amiable character, of Dr. J. C. Ogilvie Will.

For the last year I have seen much of Dr. Will, and the more I have seen of him the more have I admired his professional acquirements and zeal. Dr Will has specially devoted his attention to the department of Surgery, and is one of the most enthusiastic and zealous young Surgeons that I have met with. If elected to the Infirmary of Aberdeen, I feel certain that he will sustain—and probably extend—the very elevated character for Surgery which that Hospital has already attained among the Hospitals of Great Britain.

J. Y. SIMPSON, M.D.

From William Pirrie, Esq., M.D., C.M., F.R.S.E., Professor of Surgery in the University of Aberdeen; Lecturer on Clinical Surgery; Surgeon to the Royal Infirmary, Aberdeen, &c. &c.

University of Aberdeen, May 11, 1870.

It gives me the greatest pleasure to bear my decided testimony to the great talents, superior acquirements, sound judgment, and good principles of Dr. J. C. Ogilvie Will, and to

the untiring zeal with which he has devoted himself to the study of the various branches of Medical Science.

Dr. Will was an apprentice to me during the period of his undergraduate study—he was my Dresser and also my Clinical Clerk in the Surgical Wards of the Hospital—he attended my private instructions, as well as my public lectures—and I had, therefore, the best possible opportunities of forming a just appreciation of his talents and acquirements.

Dr. Will, at an early period, gained my great esteem and regard by the zeal with which he devoted himself to the study of his profession, and especially to the study of Surgery—a zeal I have rarely seen equalled, and can never see surpassed. During the last two years, Dr. Will has been my Assistant in the Class of Surgery in the University of Aberdeen, and also at my operations in private practice, and a better Assistant in each capacity it is impossible to desire. From all I know of Dr. Will, I can safely say, I know no one of the same standing who is better—if so well—qualified to practice his profession.

WILLIAM PIRRIE, F.R S.E.
Professor of Surgery in the University of Aberdeen.

From Patrick Heron Watson, Esq., M.D., F.R.C.S.E., Lecturer on Surgery, Medical School, Royal College of Surgeons, Edinburgh; Surgeon to the Edinburgh Royal Infirmary; Surgeon to Chalmers' Hospital, &c. &c.

16, Charlotte Square, Edinburgh,
January 27th, 1870.

I have known Dr. J. C. O. Will for some years, and have much pleasure in stating that he is an accomplished, zealous, and most intelligent cultivator of Surgery, a man too of large

experience, of a calm judgment, of firm resolve, and steady nerve.

I have on several occasions enjoyed the advantage of his assistance in operating, and I can therefore speak with perfect confidence of his possessing all the qualities calculated to make him a first-rate operator.

His personal character and social qualities render him most eligible for holding Office in a Public Institution, and proving acceptable to his Surgical Colleagues.

PATRICK HERON WATSON.

From GEORGE OGILVIE, Esq., M.D., L.R.C.S.E., Professor of the Institutes of Medicine in the University of Aberdeen; President Aberdeen Medico-Chirurgical Society, &c. &c.

BOYNDLIE, BY FRASERBURGH, June 10th, 1870.

As I find Dr. OGILVIE WILL is a candidate for the vacant situation of Surgeon to the Royal Infirmary of Aberdeen, I beg to say that, from my acquaintance with him, both during his medical studies and since he has been engaged in practice, I have every confidence in recommending him to the Managers for the appointment in question.

Dr. O. Will having been long and intimately known to me, and having acted most efficiently as my class assistant during his attendance on the course of Physiology, I have had the fullest opportunities of watching the progress of his Medical studies, and I know that both then and since his graduation—particularly while in Edinburgh, under the late Sir James Simpson—he has devoted himself especially to the Surgical Department of the profession.

GEORGE OGILVIE, M.D.

From James Watt Black, Esq., M.A., M.D., M.R.C.P. Lond., L.R.C.S. and P. Ed., Physician-Accoucheur to Charing Cross Hospital, &c. &c.

I have known Dr. Ogilvie Will for several years, and believe him to be highly qualified for the post of Surgeon to an Hospital.

It is with regard to his knowledge of the Surgery of Women that I can speak personally with the greatest confidence; and in that department he has had special opportunities of which he has very successfully availed himself.

J. WATT BLACK.

15, Clarges Street, London, 11th June, 1870.

From Alexander Keiller, Esq., M.D., F.R.C.P.E., F.R.S.E., Lecturer on Midwifery and the Diseases of Women and Children, Medical School, Royal College of Surgeons, Edinburgh; late Physician and Clinical Lecturer, Royal Infirmary and Royal Hospital for Sick Children, Edinburgh, &c. &c..

21, Queen Street, Edinburgh, June 10th, 1870.

I have enjoyed the best opportunities of judging as to the practical acquirements of Dr. J. C. O. Will, and I am sure that he is in every respect well qualified for the duties of the Surgeoncy in the Aberdeen Royal Infirmary, now vacant.

I know well that Dr. Will would—if appointed—most faithfully and ably discharge all that can be required of him.

ALEXr. KEILLER.

From J. Nicolaysen, M.D., Docent in Surgery at the Royal University of Norway—sent in 1867-68 to observe and report on the Surgery of Great Britain, France, and America.

Christiania, 23/10/68.

During my sojourn in Scotland last year I had daily occasion to know Dr. J. C. Ogilvie Will as a very well instructed and skilful man, whose views and knowledge in Surgery will make him very fit for an Hospital Surgeon.

J. NICOLAYSEN.

From Lauchlan Aitken, Esq., M.D., C.M., late Assistant, Consumption Hospital, Brompton ; late Private Resident Assistant to Sir J. Y. Simpson, &c. &c.

N. Berwick, June 6th, 1870.

I have much pleasure in expressing my conviction that Dr. Ogilvie Will is in every way well qualified to fill the important post of Surgeon to the Aberdeen Infirmary.

Some years ago I had ample opportunity of observing Dr. Will's enthusiastic devotion to the Surgical branch of our profession, and noticed with pleasure his remarkable acquaintance with both its theoretical and practical aspects. The deep interest which he manifested in everything that was new or striking in Surgery augured well for the success of his future career in the specialty which he so diligently cultivated, and I do not doubt that the Managers of the Aberdeen Hospital will further the best interests of that Institution by electing Dr. Will to the vacant post.

LAUCHLAN AITKEN, M.D.

From J. G. Sinclair Coghill, Esq., M.D., F.R.C.P.E., late Demonstrator of Anatomy, Glasgow, and Assistant to, and Substitute-Lecturer for, Sir J. Y. Simpson.

24, Heriot Row, Edinburgh, June 7th, 1870.

It affords me great pleasure to express the very high opinion I hold of the professional attainments of Dr. Ogilvie Will. He has enjoyed unusual opportunities of cultivating both the science and art of his profession, and I have personal knowledge of his having done so with the greatest success.

I am certain that any appointment to which he succeeded, would be filled by one who brought talent of no ordinary standard to the discharge of its duties.

J. G. SINCLAIR COGHILL.

From William Scott Carmichael, Esq., F.R.C.S.E., formerly President Royal Medical Society, late Vice-President Obstetrical Society and Medical Officer to the Edinburgh Maternity Hospital.

22, Northumberland Street, Edinburgh,
10th June, 1870.

During Dr. J. C. O. Will's residence in Edinburgh, I had ample opportunity of remarking his great devotion to Surgery, and I know that the late Sir J. Y. Simpson often availed himself of his Surgical aid, and also honoured him with his friendship. I feel certain that, if elected to the Surgeoncy of the Aberdeen Royal Infirmary, he will prove no unworthy successor of that great operator, Dr. Keith.

Wm. S. CARMICHAEL, F.R.C.S.E.